

The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Monday, April 7, 1729.

From the St. James Evening-Post, March 29.

Petersburg, February 29.

MAny Engineers and Workmen are of late sent to Riga, to labour on the Fortifications, to which are to be added new Defences. 'Tis reported, that 45000 Men are to be assembled in that Neighbourhood next Spring, and that for this Reason it was that the Magazines there are so considerable.

Vienna, March 23. 'Tis again discoursed, That Count Zinzendorf the Imperial Plenipotentiary, is to return to Soissons in May next, to resume the Conferences.

The Advices from Constantinople confirm the vast Armaments of the Turks, but on what Design was not known. A Camp is to be formed in May near Belgrade, to keep the Turks in Awe. a Prat of the said Troops are to assist in repairing the Fortifications of that Town.

The Hanoverian and Wolfenbüttele Regencies have refused to draw their Troops out of Mecklenburg till they are paid.

Hanover, March 27. Yesterday important Dispatches arrived here from London; and 'tis now doubted whether his Majesty will come hither so soon as was expected. Baron Bulaw, Great Bailiff of Hamburg, died last Week.

Brussels, March 21. Law Suits multiply so fast in this Country, that Men talk of erecting a Third Court of Justice in the Council of Brabant. Mr. Aue, a Priest of the Oratory, was one of the warmest Sticklers against the Constitution *Unigenitus*, 'till happening to be sick, and lying (as he fancied) on Death-bed, the poor Man swallowed the Ball.

When the Devil was well, the Devil a Monk was he;
When the Devil was sick, the Devil a Monk would be.
But being recovered, the good Father, who is prodigiously cried up for his Oratory, is come hither to try his Talent, and to preach such of his Order

as are not yet come in, to submit themselves to the Dictates of the Pope and his Consistory.

Paris, April 2. A small English Horse is come to Versailles, who dances, knows Colours and Metals, and performs diverse Exercises. On the 23d past he was led up into the Queen's Apartment, where a Carpet was laid to prevent his slipping; at his Entrance he fell on his Knees to her Majesty, and afterwards in the same Manner saluted all the Ladies; which having done, he shewed abundance of diverting Tricks.

Dublin, March 22. Yesterday seven Soldiers of Colonel Murray's Regiment were whipp'd for Mutiny when they were going to Cork for Imbarkation.

London, March 29. Letters from Antigua of the 31st January, mention an Insurrection to have been design'd by the Negroes of that Island, who intended to have cut off all the White Inhabitants; but by two of them quarrelling the Night before the barbarous Design was to have been put in Execution, some Gentlemen came to the Knowledge of it, and took effectual Measures to prevent them: Their Scheme was laid thus; That when a Piece of Sugar-cane was set on fire, they were immediately to come down in a Body to the chief Part of that Island, and to destroy every White Person they met with; and they had provided themselves with Flints, Powder, &c. Four of their Ringleaders were to be burnt and one hanged on the 1st of February, for their said Design: And it was thought several more of them would suffer.

We hear that at the last Assizes for the County of Surrey, several Indictments were preferred for the Murder of new-born Children: Upon this Occasion the High Sheriff and Justices, together with the Grand Jury and other Gentlemen present, took into their Consideration these, and the frequent other Instances of this Kind; and hereupon reflecting, that such Murders, and many others never discovered, have sprung as well from Indigence and

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Poverty as the Sense of Shame, did, out of their tender Regard to human Species, and for the saving of many Lives that in Time may become useful Hands to their Country, begin a Subscription for an Hospital for the Maintenance of Foundling Children, legitimate or base born; and at this Affize only the Subscription amounted to near 1400 l.

From the Whitehall Evening Post, March 29.

From the Isle of Leon, near Cadix, March 8. The City of Cadix has presented the King with 50,000 Pieces of Eight; the Queen with 20,000; the Prince of Asturias, with 10,000; and the Princess of Asturias, with the like Sum.

Paris, March 30. Nothing is done farther touching the Indulto on the Galleons.

Portsmouth, March 26. The Oxford Man of War, a 4th Rate of 50 Guns, is brought down to the Dock in order to be refitted for the L. Vere Beauclair; and the Kingfale Men are to be turned over to her.

London, March 29. Several Merchants of Bristol, Liverpool, &c. trading to the Mediterranean, Sicily, &c. were examined on Thursday touching their Losses sustained by the Spaniards, in order, if possible, to obtain them Satisfaction.

S.S. Stock, 97, 7 8ths.

Since our last arrived the Dutch and French Mail, and two from Flanders.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, April 1.

BY the French Mail we have Letters from Paris of the 6th Instant, advising, That they were still under an Uncertainty as to War or Peace, and that it was reported that a Camp of 36,000 Men would this Summer be formed on the Side of the Province of Luxemburg; which do not very well agree with the Account given from Paris by way of Holland, dated the 4th Inst. viz. That the King of Spain has declared by his Ministers to the Cardinal de Fleury, that he is sincerely inclined to remove the Obstacles which have hitherto obstructed the Negotiations at Soissons.

Some Advices from Cadix, by the said French Mail, import, That his Catholick Majesty determines to have delivered to the Consulate of Seville an Estimate of the Expences he has been obliged to be at in equipping Men of War to convey the Gal-

leons, &c. and that the Indulto on the Effects brought by them from America is to be regulated thereby.

There was a Report Yesterday, that the Spaniards had again besieged Gibraltar; but it was the Lie for the Day. The Letters from thence of the 20th of February make no other mention, than that of a Subscription being set on foot to raise Money for the Relief of the unhappy English Captives in Barbary, to which good End they had then collected in the Garrison 328 Dollars, besides a generous Collection that had been made by the Governor, Officers, Merchants and others residing in the Town, and have desired that the same might be communicated here, that if any Gentleman is disposed to so good and necessary a Work, he will please to leave his Name and his Charity with Mr. de la Fountain in Colmanstreet.

We hear that in a few Days Mr. Rigby, and others Factors of the S. S. Company, will embark on board the Oldfield for Jamaica, and proceed thence to Portobello, and so to Panama.

There are several Articles that bear very hard upon Mr. Bambridge Warden of the Fleet: Among the rest one is, That an unfortunate Gentleman being some time since committed to that Prison, and falling ill of the Small Pox, and not having Money enough to satisfy the exorbitant Demands made upon him; the said Bambridge turned him over to the Common Side; and the Gentleman by hard Usage died in a Day or two after. 'Tis said that in one of the Bills for the Prevention of Arrests is a Clause, That if any Person now absconding for Debt, shall come and deliver himself up and his Effects upon Oath, he shall be entitled to the same Benefit as is extended to Prisoners.

We hear a certain Person was lately sent for to Court in relation to the Weekly Journal intituled the *Craftsman*, and that he owned his having had some Part in the writing of it, but with no other View than the doing Service to his Country, saying he had as great a Love and Affection for his Majesty and his Royal Family as any of the most faithful of his Subjects can have. Mean time 'tis said Mr. Frankland the Publisher, mentioned in our last to be taken into Custody for a Paragraph in that Paper of the 8th past from Spain, will be tried for the same next Term.

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This Day the Lords, in a Committee on the Insolvent Debtors Bill, had several Clauses delivered to them for the more easy Recovery of Debts; particularly, That any Person owing Money, who shall be arrested for the same; and having an Estate to pay it, but refusing so to do, and chuse to go to Goal and live on his Effects; the Creditors in such Case are at Liberty to sue out an Execution against the Lands and Tenants, even tho' entailed Estates, during the Lifetime of the Person, also any Stock in any of the Companies.

The Lord Middleton is dangerously ill of the Gout in his Bowels.

From St. James's Evening-Post, April 1.

Paris, April 6. We are still under an Uncertainty as to Peace or War, Opinions being much divided: Nay, some even doubt, whether the Court of Spain will come in to the last Proposals for an Accommodation.

London, April 1. On Thursday next the Fal-mouth, a 4th Rate Man of War of 50 Guns, just rebuilt, will be launched at Woolwich, when 'tis believed his R. Highness the Prince of Wales will be present.

Letters from Bilbao and other Parts of Galicia which came by Yesterday's French Post, say the King of Spain has settled the Indulto on the Treasure and Effects of the Galleons at 12 per Cent But Letters from Paris of the same Date make no Mention thereof.

This Morning the Stockjobbers in Exchange Alley raised a Report, that Gibraltar was besieged by the Spaniards both by Sea and Land. But the Government having no Account thereof, 'tis looked upon to be without Foundation.

Tomorrow will be launched at Deptford his Majesty's Ship the Drake, and we hear in a few Days she will be put in Commission.

S. S. Stock, 97, 3 8ths.

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London, April 1. We hear that his Excellency Horatio Walpole, Esq; his Majesty's First Plenipotentiary, set out this Day for Paris.

The Copies of Letters, Instructions, &c. which the Lords of the Admiralty had Orders to lay before the House of Commons, which have bulied

their Clerks several Days, were finished last Sunday Night, and Yesterday they were laid before the House.

On Saturday last 6 of his Majesty's Horses were put on Ship-board by Order of Count Bothmar, for Hanover.

Money will be sent down in a few Days to the Nore, for the Payment of the two Months Advance allowed by the Act of Parliament, and the Conduct-Money to all the Seamen who voluntarily entered on board, or with the Officers in Town, to serve in his Majesty's Ships.

From the London Evening Post, April 1.

Lisbon, March 25. The Princess Louisa Man of War, Captain Byng, is arrived here in four Days from Gibraltar; from whence we learn, that from the Dispositions of the Spanish Troops, the Garrison were not without Apprehension of being attacked by them. We have also a Report, That the two contending Brothers, Emperors of Morocco, are both dead; the one (Muley Abdemeleek) having been strangled, and the other (Muley Hamet Deby) poisoned.

London, April 1. A Marriage is concluded between the Right Honourable Robert Ker, Earl and Baron Ker of Wakefield and Marquis of Beaumont, Son and Heir apparent to the Duke of Roxburgh, and the Lady Mary Montague, youngest Daughter of his Grace the Duke of Montague; with whom he is to have a Fortune of 30,000 l.

A Spanish Nobleman arrived here last Thursday Night; but we hear he hath no Commission from his Catholick Majesty, as was expected.

Edinburgh, April 7. On Saturday last died the Learn'd Mr. Robert Gordon of Cluny, Advocate, in the 40th Year of his Age. a Gentleman of great Integrity and Honour, much esteem'd and belov'd, and exceedingly lamented by all the Lovers of Learning.

The same Day died Sir Thomas Bruce-Hope of Kinross, at his pleasant Country Seat.

Extract of a Letter from Stow on Gala-Water, dated March 30, 1729.

"SIR, I expect ye will let us know what sort of a Day ye had Monday last the 24th. Here, "be-



" between 5 in the Morning and 10 before Noon, there fell more Snow than we had any Storm during the Winter, so as the like is not remembered. 'Tis incredible what Sheep have perished thereby; 13, 20, and 30 Scores; and there is no Place in the Hills that has not suffered. We had here last March a Shoke from the Barth; this is a heavy Shoke from the Heavens. Several People have perished who went out to look after their Stocks, 1 am, &c.

We likewise have very dismal Accounts of Losses by Sea all along the Coast; particularly, That on the 24th past at 1 in the Morning Alexr. Clerk of Portfey's Vessel was cast away at Rattray in Buchan, and one Mr. Gordon a Merchant, with 2 other Men, a Woman and two Children perished, and that two other Vessels were at the same time cast away near Frazersburgh.

This Day (being the 20th of the Moon) it is High Water at Leith at 3 a clock 27 Minutes. Tomorrow, at 6 a clock, 15 Minutes. On Wednesday, at 7 a clock, 3 Minutes. That Night at 8 begins the last Quarter of this Moon.

Haddington, April 4. 1729.

Best Wheat, 10 14 00.	2d, 10 06 00	3d, 09 16 00.
Best Bear, 09 04 00.	2d, 09 00 00	3d, 08 16 00.
Best Oats, 07 16 00.	2d, 07 10 00	3d, 07 06 00.
Best Pease, 07 15 00	2d, 07 10 00.	3d, 07 04 00.

ADVERTISEMENT S.

* * Upon Wednesday next, the Ninth instant, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, will be exposed to Sale, in the Head of Morison's Clois, second Story, All Manner of valuable Furniture, such as fine Mirrors, Beds Hangings, Chairs, and all sorts of Household Furniture, Silver Plate, China, with a very fine Street-Chair.

¶ That there are to be sold at the Mansion house of DEAN, near Edinburgh, a light Leather Chariot, with Glasses, Harness, and a Couple of Black Coach-Geldings, at reasonable Rates.

Immediately to be Set or Sold,

A LODGING at Inveresk, Yard, Orchard, and Ten Acres of Land inclos'd with a Stone and Lime Wall, presently possess'd by the Relict of General Maitland. The House (being three Storeys) has 17 Fire-rooms, 10 Closets, 4 Garrets and Pantries, a Pump-well at the House; with Brew-house, Stables, Lofts, Work-house, and all other necessary Office-houses. There is in the Park a Well and Pond, a Stable, Byre and Hay-loft; all very convenient for one or more Families. Inquire at Mr. Archbald Mac-

lachlan Merchant in Edinburgh, at his House in Fowlis's Clois, near the Fountain well, at the Shop of Mess. Hamilton and Maitland, near the Cross, or at that of Mr. Alexander Symmer in Parliament-clois.

¶ The BLEACHING-FIELD at Coupar of Fife being now entirely fitted up; and the Managers having provided themselves with a Bleacher from Holland, who is perfectly well skill'd in the Art of Bleaching: They are to take in all Sorts of Linen cloth to bleach, which shall be done as well, and at as easy Rates as anywhere in the Kingdom. Wherefore, whoever intend to send thither their Cloth, are desired as soon as possible to deliver it in at Mr. Patrick Lindsay's Shop in the Parliament-clois, or to Alexander Barclay, Clerk to the said Manufactory, at his Shop in Coupar; and the Cloth, when whitened, shall be delivered back at the same Places where they are given in. The Proprietors of the Cloth are desired to sew in each End of the Piece at full Length, their Names with colour'd Thread. Those who had their Cloth bleached at Coupar last Year, and was not fully whitened, may send it back again this Season, and the same shall be fully done and return'd them gratis.

Note. 'Tis desired that each Piece of Cloth to be sent to the Bleaching-field, do not exceed 30 Ells in Length.

* * That the Tenement of Land lying in the West Wind of the Town of Dalkeith, sometime pertaining to the Heirs of Baillie Hog, consisting of Sixteen Fire Rooms, large Stables, Brew-house, Barn, and all other Conveniencies for Inn-keeping; is to be exposed to voluntary Roup and Sale, upon Thursday the Tenth Day of April instant, in the House of James Miln Clerk of Dalkeith, betwixt the Hours of 2 and 4 in the Afternoon. The Progress of Writs are to be seen in the Hands of the said James Miln.

By Order of the Honourable, the Commissioners and Trustees, for improving Fisheries and Manufactures.

¶ Notice is given to all Persons of any Shire or Stewartry, that intend to sow LINTSEED or HEMPSEED, so as to be entitled to the Premium of 15 Shillings Sterling per Acre. That their Offers, in Terms of the printed Plan, must be lodged with DAVID FLINT their Secretary, on or before the 20th Instant.

¶ The Feuing out of the Lands and Barony of SMITH-FIELD, and Acres lying about the Burgh of Peebles, by the Rt. Honourable the Earl of March, (formerly Advertised) is Adjourned until Tuesday the 15th of April next; when the same are to be Feued, by publick voluntary Roup, in Whole or in Parcels, within the House of Mrs. Ritchie Vintner in Peebles, to the highest Offerer, the Roup to begin at 12 a'clock. The Conditions may be seen any time betwixt and the Day, at Mr. James Baillie Writer to the Signet, his Writing-chamber, above the Exchange Coffee-house.

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